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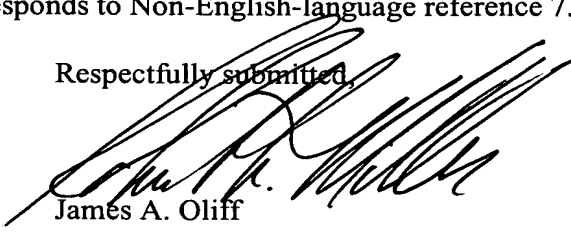
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- ☒ 3. The references 1-4 and 7-11 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
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- ☒ 5. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 3-11 are attached hereto.

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- ☒ 6. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese references has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 5-11.
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